

## Message Text

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FOR AMBASSADOR SELDEN FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS - MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK

1. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE FROM ME TO FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR ANDREW:  
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-- I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW HOW HIGHLY I VALUE THE  
COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIAN  
DELEGATIONS AT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SESSION OF THE LAW  
OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. I COULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR A  
HAPPIER OR MORE EFFECTIVE WORKING AND PERSONAL RELATION-  
SHIP THAN I ENJOYED WITH KEITH BRENNAN AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

KEITH WAS A KEY FIGURE AT THE SESSION. WIDELY TRUSTED AND HIGHLY RESPECTED BY ALL GROUPS, HE WAS UNFAILINGLY RESOURCEFUL IN THE FORMULATION OF APPROACHES TO THE ACCOMMODATION OF CRITICAL ISSUES. HIS SKILL AND PROFESSIONALISM REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF AUSTRALIA. WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO HIM AND YOUR DELEGATION FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT THEY GAVE US IN DEVELOPING TEXTS FOR THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC

ZONE AND FOR MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. AS YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM MY PRESS STATEMENT OF JULY 20, I WAS PROFOUNDLY DISAPPOINTED BY THE GROSS ABUSE OF DUE PROCESS WHICH RESULTED IN AN UNACCEPTABLE TEXT ON DEEP SEABED MINING. I WILL CERTAINLY WISH TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH KEITH AND OTHER HEADS OF DELEGATION ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN FIND AN ACCEPTABLE CONSENSUS ON SEABED MINING ISSUES.

-- IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN LAST MONTH IN NEW YORK.

-- WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

-- SINCERELY,

-- ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON  
END TEXT:

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3. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW WHEN THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED. VANCE

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